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SUBJECT: 1. DECISION BY THE REBEL ARMED FORCES (FAR) TO
TAKE ACTIVE MEASURES AGAINST AMERICAN
PRESENCE IN GUATEMALA
2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE FAR
PLANS TO ASSASSINATE THE NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR
TO GUATEMALA

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[REDACTED] THE NEW POLITICAL LINE OF THE FAR IS TO TAKE
ACTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN GUATEMALA.

[REDACTED]
ASSASSINATION OF AMBASSADOR JOHN GORDON MEIN WAS A MISTAKE BECAUSE
IT HAD NOT BEEN PLANNED IN ADVANCE. [REDACTED] THE
FAR WOULD NOT HESITATE TO CARRY OUT SUCH ACTIONS FROM NOW ON, AS
A RESULT OF THE NEW POLICY. [REDACTED] IT IS ASSUMED THAT
THE NEW FAR POLICY WILL INCLUDE ACTIONS AGAINST PERSONNEL AND
INSTALLATIONS).
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2. IN RELATION TO ACTIONS AGAINST THE AMERICANS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
THE FAR PLANS TO ASSASSINATE THE NEW U.S.

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AMBASSADOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE ASSASSINATION IS TO FORCE A

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MILITARY TAKEOVER OF THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT. THE NEW U.S.

AMBASSADOR TO GUATEMALA IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN GUATEMALA CITY

ON 17 NOVEMBER 1968).

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